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TOPIC Camouflaged Soviet Railroad Shipments

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1. An order issued by the Erfurt regional railroad directorate and dated 27 September 1950 contained the following provisions:

In exceptional cases Soviet military units will request entire trains for shipments to an unspecified destination. According to a decree of the Soviet RTO attached to the Erfurt regional railroad directorate, the destination of such shipments must not be revealed in the pertinent shipping papers and the requests for transportation facilities. The individual train dispatch offices are therefore not in a position to calculate the freight costs for such shipments. *

25X1 * [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the order was issued on instructions from the Soviets applying to the entire zone. This makes the settlement of accounts between the German railroad agencies and the occupation power a very difficult affair. The Soviets probably issued this order with a view to maintaining secrecy regarding the destinations of special shipments.

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